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October 9, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

This week I have been working with local superintendents, TEA and members of the House Committee on Public Education to overcome new issues that have arisen due to COVID-19. I am grateful for those members and educators working through unexpected challenges to give the students of Texas the best opportunities during unusual times.

Early voting begins next week, on **Tuesday, October 13**, I would like to encourage all of those who have not yet registered to vote to do so. Likewise I urge you to help motivate your friends and family to register to vote as well!

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



## State Updates

# DSHS 7-DAY COVID DASHBOARD

As of October 2nd, 2020

## CASES

### 756,004

+ 27,452

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

+ 3.77%

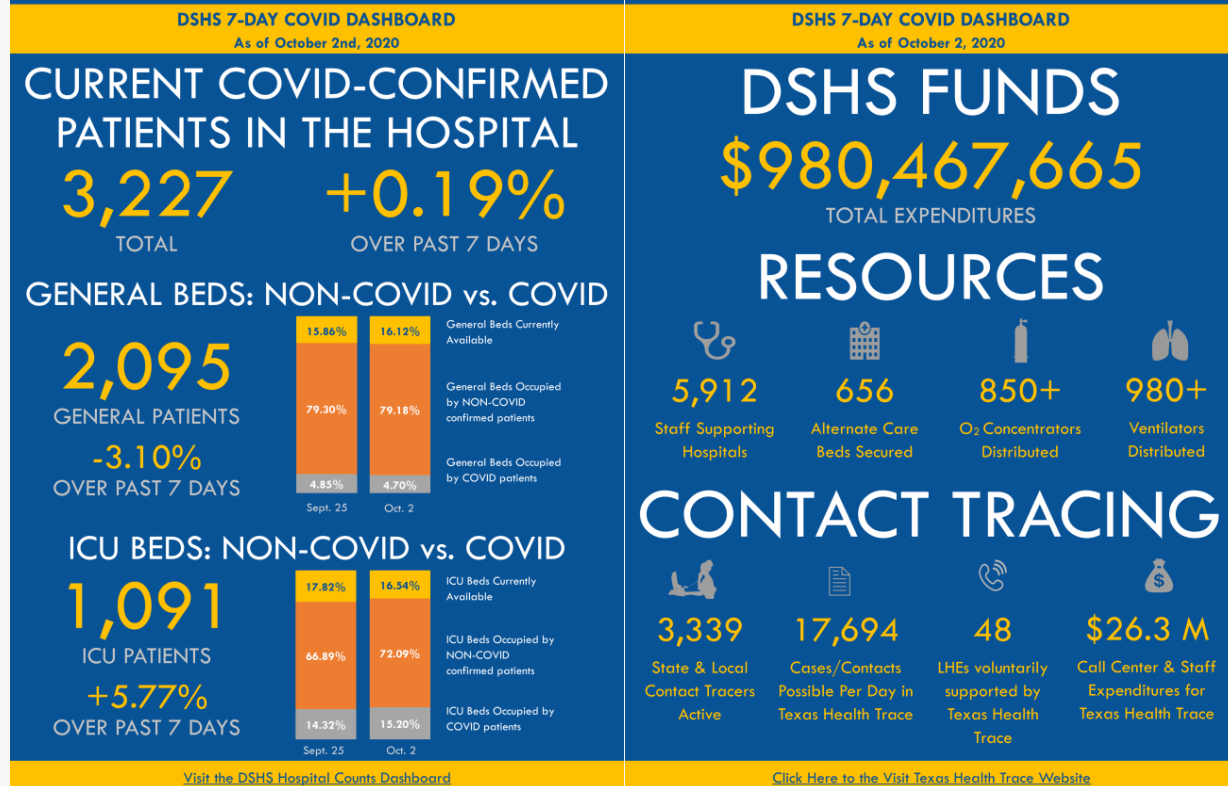
OVER PAST 7 DAYS

## TRAUMA SERVICE AREAS

7-Day Percentage of Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 out of  
All Hospitalized Patients

| TSA | Major Metro Area      | 26-Sept | 27-Sept | 28-Sept | 29-Sept | 30-Sept | 01-Oct | 02-Oct |
|-----|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| A   | Amarillo              | 12.2%   | 11.8%   | 11.9%   | 11.7%   | 11.7%   | 12.3%  | 12.0%  |
| B   | Lubbock               | 10.4%   | 11.7%   | 11.7%   | 12.0%   | 11.6%   | 10.7%  | 11.0%  |
| C   | Wichita Falls         | 8.3%    | 7.6%    | 7.3%    | 7.0%    | 7.1%    | 7.4%   | 8.9%   |
| D   | Abilene               | 3.1%    | 3.9%    | 5.1%    | 4.7%    | 5.6%    | 6.0%   | 6.1%   |
| E   | Dallas/Ft. Worth      | 6.6%    | 6.7%    | 6.8%    | 7.2%    | 7.4%    | 6.3%   | 6.7%   |
| F   | Paris                 | 14.6%   | 16.1%   | 18.0%   | 18.1%   | 16.4%   | 15.4%  | 12.1%  |
| G   | Longview/Tyler        | 9.7%    | 9.6%    | 11.3%   | 11.6%   | 11.1%   | 11.2%  | 11.5%  |
| H   | Lufkin                | 11.5%   | 16.3%   | 16.6%   | 16.4%   | 15.4%   | 15.2%  | 13.9%  |
| I   | El Paso               | 11.0%   | 11.2%   | 11.6%   | 12.4%   | 12.3%   | 11.7%  | 11.6%  |
| J   | Midland/Odessa        | 7.7%    | 8.0%    | 7.4%    | 7.0%    | 6.2%    | 5.7%   | 6.6%   |
| K   | San Angelo            | 6.2%    | 6.2%    | 7.1%    | 6.9%    | 6.5%    | 6.1%   | 4.1%   |
| L   | Belton/Killeen        | 3.3%    | 4.5%    | 4.7%    | 4.4%    | 3.5%    | 3.9%   | 3.9%   |
| M   | Waco                  | 15.0%   | 15.3%   | 16.8%   | 12.0%   | 12.2%   | 12.6%  | 12.2%  |
| N   | Bryan/College Station | 4.6%    | 4.7%    | 4.4%    | 6.4%    | 5.6%    | 4.5%   | 5.3%   |
| O   | Austin                | 3.6%    | 3.5%    | 3.2%    | 3.2%    | 3.0%    | 3.0%   | 2.9%   |
| P   | San Antonio           | 5.9%    | 6.2%    | 6.4%    | 6.5%    | 6.1%    | 5.6%   | 5.2%   |
| Q   | Houston               | 4.4%    | 4.4%    | 4.4%    | 4.8%    | 4.3%    | 4.0%   | 4.1%   |
| R   | Galveston             | 9.4%    | 9.4%    | 9.5%    | 10.7%   | 7.9%    | 9.2%   | 9.3%   |
| S   | Victoria              | 17.3%   | 16.6%   | 16.6%   | 14.8%   | 14.2%   | 14.9%  | 14.2%  |
| T   | Laredo                | 22.3%   | 24.0%   | 24.6%   | 23.0%   | 21.2%   | 20.9%  | 24.5%  |
| U   | Corpus Christi        | 10.3%   | 9.9%    | 10.4%   | 12.8%   | 10.6%   | 9.3%   | 9.5%   |
| V   | Lower RGV             | 14.7%   | 15.7%   | 15.7%   | 15.1%   | 14.7%   | 13.8%  | 13.3%  |
| ALL |                       | 7.1%    | 7.3%    | 7.4%    | 7.7%    | 7.3%    | 6.9%   | 6.9%   |

[Visit the DSHS Coronavirus Case Counts Dashboard](#)





## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Guidance**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) continues to work with the Office of the Governor, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to coordinate and plan the state's response to COVID-19.

[Read more](#)  
[tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov)

### **SY 20-21 English Learner Guidance**

### **CARES Act Equitable Services FAQ**

### **CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ**

## **Governor Abbott Encourages Health Care Providers To Enroll In DSHS Immunization Program In Preparation For COVID-19 Vaccine**



**Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott**

### **Governor Abbott Encourages Health Care Providers To...**

Governor Greg Abbott today encouraged Texas health care providers to enroll in the Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Immunization Program to be eligible to administer COVID-19 vaccines once they are available. Hospitals, medical...

[Read more](#)  
[gov.texas.gov](http://gov.texas.gov)

## **Veteran's Benefits Administration Tele-Townhall Live in Texas with Under Secretary**



### **Tele-Townhall Live in Texas, with Under Secretary for...**

Please join us for a tele-townhall event for Texas Veterans, service members, and their families, but all are welcome to join.

[Read more](#)  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## Register for the 2020 TRS-Care Information Sessions

### **2020 TRS-Care Information Sessions**

TRS and its health vendors are kicking off another season of information sessions for TRS-Care retirees and their families! Due to COVID-19, we'll be conducting virtual presentations to maintain the wellbeing and safety of our participants and...

[Read more](#)  
[www.trs.texas.gov](http://www.trs.texas.gov)

## Secretary Hughs Encourages Texans To Vote Early, Make Preparations To Cast A Ballot In November 3rd General Election

### **Secretary Hughs Encourages Texans To Vote Early, Make...**

Texas Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs today encouraged all eligible Texas voters to take advantage of the extended early voting period ahead of the November 3rd general election, which begins on Tuesday, October 13th and ends on Friday, October...

[Read more](#)  
[www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)

## Payment Deadlines Extended for 3rd Quarter 2020





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Date: October 6, 2020 Media Contact: Cisco Gamez Phone: 512-463-8556 AUSTIN -The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today extended payment deadlines for the 3rd quarter 2020 for designated reimbursing employers that are required to pay a share of...

[Read more](#)

[www.twc.texas.gov](http://www.twc.texas.gov)

## City of Houston & Harris County Updates

### Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County  
**Public Health**  
Building a Healthy Community

## H.D. 127 Updates

### Aldine ISD Free Meals Bundle



## ALDINE ISD **FREE** MEAL BUNDLES

Breakfast and Lunch meal bundles available for ALL Aldine ISD students and children 18 and under



### Menus & SchoolCafe

You can view all menus at  
[SchoolCafe.com/AldineISD](http://SchoolCafe.com/AldineISD).



### Meal Benefits

Aldine ISD families can apply for meal benefits throughout the year. Visit [SchoolCafe.com/AldineISD](http://SchoolCafe.com/AldineISD).



### What Should I Bring?

If you are picking up meals without your child 18 and under, you must provide one of the following documents for each child:

- Student ID number or Student ID card
- Student report card
- Official district letter/email listing student name(s)
- Attendance record from Home Access Center
- Birth certificate for (child)ren not of school age



### Curbside Meal Locations

Every Tuesday and Thursday | 11 AM to 1 PM

- ▶ Aldine High School, Blanson CTE High School, Carver High School, Davis High School, Eisenhower High School, MacArthur High School, Nimitz High School
- ▶ Shotwell Middle School
- ▶ Escamilla Elementary, Greenspoint Elementary, Jones Elementary, Wilson Elementary

**2 STOPS A WEEK  
= 14 MEALS PER  
CHILD**



### Allergies?

Please contact Aldine ISD Nutritionist  
Jennifer Earthly at [jearthly@aldineisd.org](mailto:jearthly@aldineisd.org).

## Virtual Community Engagement Meeting for the Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis



The Harris County Flood Control District will hold a virtual Community Engagement Meeting for the Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis. The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents about the status of the Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis and share project information.

The Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis focuses on evaluating the existing drainage level of service for the 32.3-mile open channel network within the greater Kingwood area and identifying the drainage infrastructure which will improve the network's level of service. The Flood Control District has entered an interlocal agreement with the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ 10) to partially fund this drainage study, along with bonds approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018. Community engagement is an important component of the Bond Program, and we invite your participation as the program is implemented.

The virtual Community Engagement Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Join online at [PublicInput.com/Kingwood](https://www.PublicInput.com/Kingwood)**

**Or by phone at 855-925-2801 with Meeting Code: 9541**

The meeting will begin with a brief presentation to share project updates, followed by a moderated Q&A session with Flood Control District team members. Residents will be able to submit questions and comments throughout the presentation. Any comments not addressed during the Q&A session will receive a response after the event.

A recorded version of the meeting will be available on the Flood Control District's website and YouTube channel after the event. Meeting accommodations can be made for those with disabilities. If needed, please contact 346-286-4152 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The Kingwood Area Drainage Analysis Technical Report Executive Summary will be available online prior to the October 20, 2020, Community Engagement Meeting at [www.hcfcd.org/F14](http://www.hcfcd.org/F14). For questions, please contact the Flood Control District at 346-286-4000, or fill out the comment form online at [www.hcfcd.org/F14](http://www.hcfcd.org/F14).

## Capitol Office Closure

The Capitol office will remain closed in line with suggested Stay Home, Work Safe guidelines. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter or [district127.huberty@house.texas.gov](mailto:district127.huberty@house.texas.gov).

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